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1. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR EFFORTS TO BRING SPAIN CLOSER TO NATO, EMBASSY BONN AGREES WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO INVITE THE SPANISH TO A MANEUVER AT WHICH CBM OBSERVERS ARE NOT PRESENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOS HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED THE FRG INVITATION TO OBSERVE EXERCISES LARES TEAM AND GROSSER BAER WITHIN THE CBM CONTEXT AND HAS DESIGNATED ITS MILITARY ATTACHE IN BONN AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE.

2. INSOFAR AS REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE GOS TO SEND OBSERVERS TO EXERCISES BLAUE DIEMEL OR BONDED ITEM IS CONCERNED, WE WOULD DEFER TO EMBASSIES BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO US THAT FEWER PROBLEMS WOULD RESULT IF EXERCISE GORDIAN SHIELD WAS USED AS THE FIRST OCCASION FOR EXTENDING SUCH AN INVITATION SINCE THE U.S. IS SPONSERING THE EXERCISE AND SINCE FRG AND BELGIAN FORCES ARE THE ONLY OTHER PARTICIPANTS. USAREUR HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED A VISITORS BUREAU TO ASSIST OBSERVERS TO THIS EXERCISE.

3. WHATEVER EXERCISE THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO USE AS A GUINEA PIG, IT OBVIOUSLY CAN ONLY BE WITH FRG CONCURRENCE IF IT TAKES PLACE ON GERMAN SOIL. WE FORESEE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING FRG APPROVAL. WHETHER OR NOT THE FRG WOULD WISH TO ISSUE A JOINT INVITATION

WITH THE U.S. IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT, BUT WE SEE NO HARM IN MAKING SUCH A SUGGESTION TO THE FEDREP GOVERNMENT.

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